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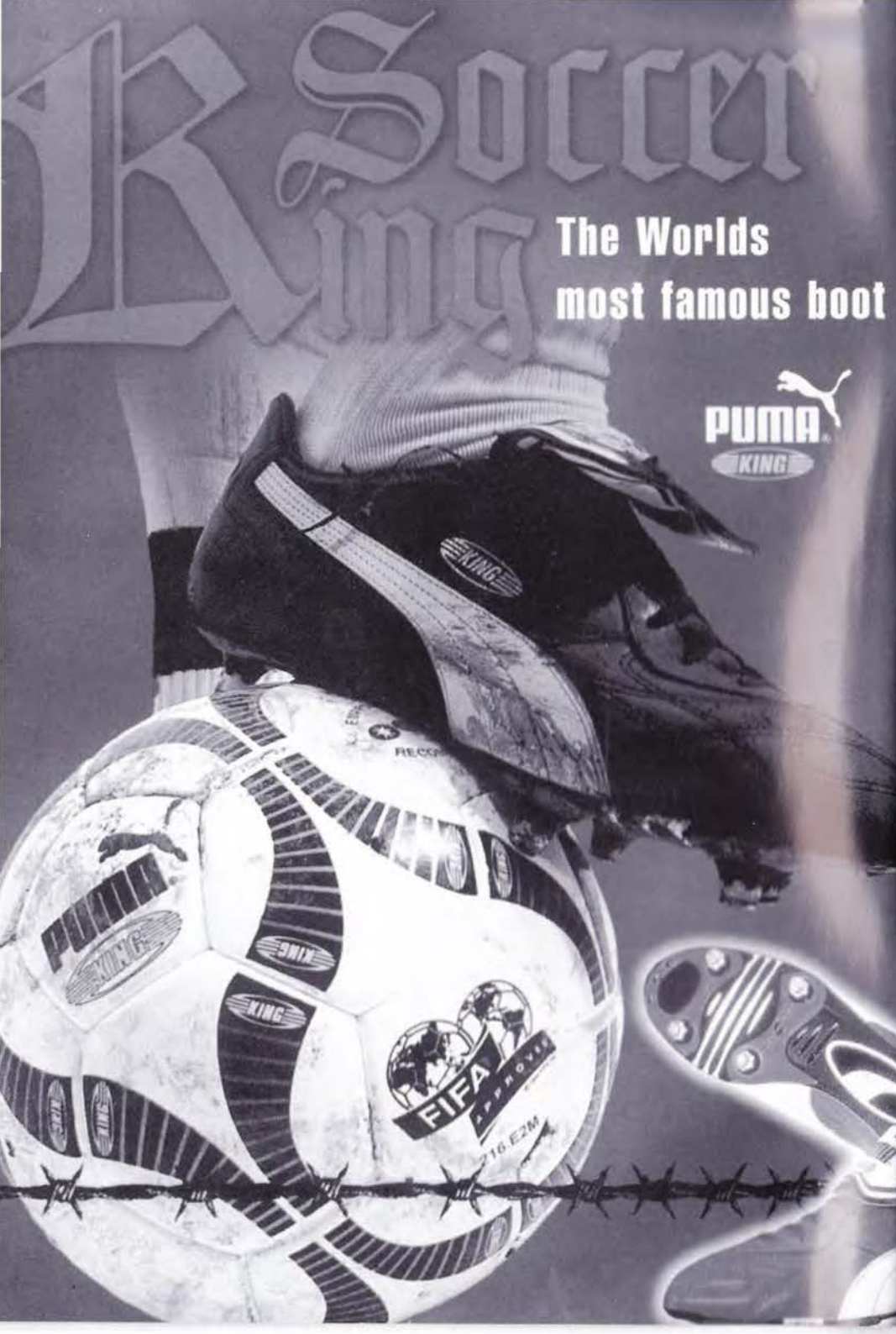
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome all to the year 2001 and the new millennium. On behalf of the entire Club I would like to wish you a healthy and prosperous new year. This month we welcome the Auckland Kingz and our long time rivals Adelaide City to the Bob Jane Stadium.



With the start of the new year, we see the Club on top of the ladder and building for an exciting second half of the season. Whilst, at the time of writing this, we on top of the ladder we cannot and will not become complacent in our quest for success.

This desire for success has resulted in the signing of Simon Colosimo, who as we all know was until recently with the now defunct Carlton Soccer Club. Simon is one of this country's most highly rated players and will no doubt benefit what is already a very talented squad. We all wish him well and welcome him to the South Melbourne Soccer Club.

Whilst everything else on-field has been very successful to date, not all things off-field are running as smoothly. Although our home crowd numbers are increasing substantially this season, particularly in recent matches at the Bob Jane Stadium, certain elements of the crowds have been causing the Club no end of problems with various officials, especially Soccer Australia.

Every time an item or items is thrown onto the pitch, as has been the case at the last three home games, especially in the area around our goals, the Club is heavily fined. The fines for the past three games have totalled over three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) and will continue to rise with every new incident.

Soccer Australia has also threatened to close the ends behind the goals if this behaviour continues. The Club does not want this course of action to take place, but it may be forced upon us. Combined with the fines, this action will end up costing the Club, your Club, many thousands of dollars, and place its position in the National Soccer League in jeopardy. This is not a threat, it is a reality.

This problem is not a reflection on the majority of our supporters, but it is a problem that everyone should be aware of. Our supporters are renowned throughout the country as the most intimidating for opposition teams, and we certainly do not want this to change. However commonsense must prevail. Throwing various items onto the field does nothing but harm the Club that we will claim to love. Only the true supporters of South Melbourne would not do these things.

Please continue to enjoy the games, but think about your actions and the problems that it may cause your Club.

George Vasilopoulos
President



COACH'S REPORT



With the half way mark of the season upon us, I'm delighted with the effort and commitment continually shown by the team week after week. The past month provided a good acid test for the boys and with good wins at home to current NSL champions, Wollongong Wolves, and traditional rivals, Sydney Olympic, we passed with flying colors.

Obviously, our 0-0 draw away to Eastern Pride wasn't a desired result, however, I'm not at all disappointed with the character shown by the team. Despite having a man sent off after only 15-minutes, the boys stuck to their guns and kept their cool, and to earn a draw playing a man down for over 75 minutes was quite a satisfactory result.

This coming month we welcome Auckland Kingz and Adelaide City to Bob Jane Stadium for yet another round of tough matches. The Kingz have proven somewhat of a bogey side, beating us both times last season, so we will be hoping it's third time lucky and register our first win against them. We then travel to Northern Spirit at a ground we've never won at, before taking on long-time rivals, Adelaide City at home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our loyal travelling supporters, who give us so much support away from Bob Jane Stadium. I think it's terrific for 2,500 fans to travel over 2 hours to Gippsland and cheer us on. Away matches are always difficult and it's fans such as you that give us the cutting edge!

On a final note, I would like to welcome Simon Colosimo to the club and wish him the very best for the remainder of the season and his future career.

Mike Petersen
Senior Coach

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1. Entry inside the perimeter fence of the playing area is prohibited at all times and offenders will be prosecuted.
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SOUTH MELBOURNE SOCCER CLUB – 9 January, 2001



IT'S OFFICIAL... Socceroo Colosimo heads South

The South Melbourne Soccer Club is pleased to finally announce its signing of Socceroo defensive midfielder, Simon Colosimo.

Colosimo, who celebrated his 22nd birthday yesterday, joins the club following three seasons at the now defunct Carlton Soccer Club. He has already represented the Socceroos on nine occasions, as well as Australia at Under 20 (1999 World Youth Cup in Nigeria) and Under 23 level (Sydney 2000 Olympic Games).

Colosimo was extremely close to signing a contract with the Lakeside club at the beginning of this season but decided at a late stage to remain at Carlton. He now joins South Melbourne eager to get back on the field following the recent turbulent events at home and abroad, and is looking forward to a fresh challenge in his flourishing career.

"I'm just happy to be playing again," Colosimo said upon signing his contract.

"I was close to signing with South Melbourne at the start of the season because it's a club with great ambition.

"A successful stint with South will also help me to regain my spot in the national team with the Socceroos."

Colosimo joins the squad for his first official training session today and will strive for a first team position for Sunday's home game against Auckland Kingz.



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24 years on... South still Number One!

South Melbourne Soccer Club has polished off a memorable year by ending the century as Australia's all-time leading soccer club.

South Melbourne, current leaders of the 2000/2001 National Soccer League competition, is one of only three founding member clubs to have participated in every season since the NSL began in 1977.

Success both on and off the field has seen the club surpass its fellow founding members, in the process collecting a record four Australian titles.

The greatest moment in the history of the club, however, is undoubtedly its participation at the inaugural FIFA Club World Championships in Brazil last January where the club represented the nation with pride performing admirably against the likes of world soccer super-powers Manchester United and Vasco da Gama.

South Melbourne's nearest challengers are Marconi Stallions and Adelaide City, who coincidentally are the other two inaugural founding members of the league. They trail by 22 points and 101 points respectively.

(see attached table on page 9 for all-time National Soccer League ladder)

South attracts record crowd

South Melbourne is buoyed by the news that last Saturday's epic encounter against Sydney Olympic attracted the largest 'regular season' crowd in Victoria since 1983.

Following South's thrilling 1-0 home victory over its Sydney-based rival, Soccer Australia statistician, Andrew Howe, confirmed the attendance is the largest National Soccer League 'regular season' crowd that Victoria has seen since South Melbourne and Heidelberg United attracted almost 16,000 to Middle Park over 17 years ago.

South Melbourne officials, ecstatic at the massive turn-out, illustrated that persistent and constant promotion on and off the field was a telling factor, earning special praise from media and the sports governing body.

"Despite the frantic festive period, not a single day went by without the club promoting itself," said Marketing Coordinator, Andrew Pirchan.

"It was a unique game in that we were playing an interstate club and many of our supporters were away on holidays.

"Through vigorous marketing, however, we proved that South Melbourne appeals to greater Melbourne and the general soccer public definitely got on our side."

The 'family friendly' environment has played a key role in the crowd increases at Bob Jane Stadium and the official attendance of 14,215 spectators typifies the growing supporter-base of the Lakeside club.



"Through vigorous marketing, however, we proved that South Melbourne appeals to greater Melbourne and the general soccer public definitely got on our side."



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ALL TIME NSL TABLE, AS AT 01/01/2001

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts*
South Melbourne	655	313	158	184	1041	763	1097
Marconi Stallions	654	307	154	193	1120	803	1075
Adelaide City	654	275	171	208	964	753	996
Sydney Olympic	629	252	170	207	902	786	926
Melbourne Knights	461	208	103	150	705	577	727
Sydney United	461	203	118	140	646	559	727
Wollongong Wolves	527	176	138	213	710	792	666
Adelaide Sharks	507	169	104	234	631	776	611
Heidelberg United	444	159	121	164	586	639	598
Sydney City	266	153	64	49	519	265	523
APIA Leichhardt	368	135	102	131	458	459	507
St George	364	132	103	129	509	514	499
Preston	342	119	100	123	433	415	457
Footscray	342	98	96	148	375	493	390
Brisbane Lions	292	91	78	123	358	440	351
Brisbane Strikers	261	96	58	107	363	378	346
Newcastle KB/Rosebud	240	88	61	91	328	350	325
Canberra City	266	79	67	120	335	394	304
Brisbane City	266	75	72	119	292	407	297
Eastern Pride	235	64	67	104	253	371	259
Newcastle Breakers	225	62	63	100	274	365	249
Parramatta Eagles	182	60	52	70	207	228	232
Brunswick	172	62	37	73	197	242	223
Sunshine	200	55	51	94	227	317	216
Perth Glory	125	61	26	38	224	171	209
Blacktown City	180	51	39	90	221	325	192
Carlton	96	41	24	31	159	119	147
Canberra Cosmos	159	29	38	92	191	329	125
Northern Spirit	74	29	12	33	91	105	99
Western Suburbs	52	20	13	19	79	74	73
Paramatta Power	46	21	6	19	72	60	69
Green Gully	72	17	18	37	74	103	69
Kingz	46	18	8	20	73	80	62
Penrith City	50	12	16	22	53	76	52
Inter Monaro	44	10	11	23	47	80	41
Collingwood	26	6	9	11	32	44	27
Mooroolbark	26	5	5	16	31	61	20
Wollongong Mac	26	3	9	14	23	53	18
Canterbury	22	2	7	13	17	41	13
Newcastle United	11	1	5	5	7	20	8

* based on 3 pts per win, 1 per draw, for all games

Table excludes finals matches

Statistics courtesy of Andrew Howe

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TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. Can you name the NSL club's that Andy Vlahos has played for?
2. Can you name the 8 NSL clubs that John Markovski has played for?
3. Which South Melbourne player recently become the club's third highest all-time leading goal scorer (in the NSL)?
4. Who is South Melbourne's all time leading goal scorer?
5. For which club did Archie Thompson start his NSL career?
6. Which current Auckland Kingz player trialed with South during pre-season?
7. Who captained the 1984 South Melbourne Championship winning team?
8. Who is the only coach in history with English Premier League experience to coach South Melbourne?
9. For which club did Steve Panopoulos play for before joining South?
10. Which two former-NSL South Melbourne players went on to coach the club?

The Carlton Saga

Carlton Soccer Club, the team for all Victorians, the team with supposedly no ethnic link, the team that was to be the "Manchester United of Asia" has played its last game. Many South Melbourne supporters were rejoicing at the news that yet another of our rivals had fallen by the wayside. But should we be so happy?

Many have their theories as to why the Carlton experiment failed. Some say it is because they tried to affiliate themselves with Melbourne's vast Italian community, others say it is because the soccer market is just too hard to break into in Melbourne. Nevertheless, Carlton lacked the feel of a traditional club, driven it seems by profit margins and overseas transfers.

Personally, I think it's a combination of all the above, but few will doubt Carlton's name, which is associated with arguably the AFL's most despised club, kept many potential fans away. As an avid Essendon supporter, I could never ever support any sporting team with the name Carlton in it. In sporting terms, it would simply be sacrilegious.

Despite their shortfalls, Carlton's management and administration were leaders in many areas. We saw billboards, television commercials and clinics amongst many other things. Carlton also developed a very successful youth academy. This type of professionalism has rarely been seen in Australian soccer and Carlton suddenly raised the bar for club's like South Melbourne and Melbourne Knights.

We could all talk about the reasons behind Carlton's demise until we're blue in the face, but who have been the real losers from this melodrama? There may not have been many Carlton fans, but they brought a lot to the game. Carlton fans were arguably, the most loyal and colourful the league has seen in a few years. We are all going to miss the derbies and the rivalry that quickly established between the clubs. South Melbourne vs Carlton games were not only great spectacles on the pitch, but also provided a jam-packed stadium and great atmosphere.

Recently, South Melbourne offered Carlton members a season pass, an offer which has been taken up by many supporters. Although it is difficult to imagine these supporters automatically becoming South supporters, we have to make every effort to make sure Carlton fans are not lost to the game of soccer.

From reading some of the messages on the Carlton website, I know that some Carlton fans will never support South Melbourne. Unfortunately, they see South Melbourne as a 'Greek club', but all I have to say is this. Sure South Melbourne was founded by Greek immigrants and many are proud of the club's heritage, but in over 40 years, the club has grown dramatically, and you only have to look at South's membership database to realise how diverse our supporter base has become in the 21st century.

The Heidelberg and South Melbourne rivalry was by far the greatest rivalry Australian soccer has ever experienced. Anyone who experienced a derby between the two clubs will tell you a story or two on how strong this rivalry was, yet somehow, many of their supporters have now become regulars at BJS.

On behalf of the South Melbourne Soccer Club, I welcome all supporters of Carlton SC to Bob Jane Stadium and I urge each and every South supporter to extend the welcome.

Peter Kartsidimas

2000-2001 Season Fixture

R	Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Venue
1	13.10.00	Fri	Adelaide City Force	W 3-1	Vlahos 2, Kalogerakos
2	21.10.00	Sat	Perth Glory	L 0-1	-
3	29.10.00	Sun	Carlton	D 1-1	Susa
4	04.11.00	Sat	Marconi Stallions	D 1-1	Trimboli
5	12.11.00	Sun	Melbourne Knights	W 4-1	Trimboli 2, Panopoulos Boutsianis
6	19.11.00	Sun	Brisbane Strikers	W 3-0	Vlahos 3
7	26.11.00	Sun	Parramatta Power	D 1-1	Anastasiadis
8	02.12.00	Sat	Canberra Cosmos	W 3-1	Coveny, Trimboli Lozanovski
9	10.12.00	Sun	Wollongong Wolves	W 4-2	Trimboli, Vlahos, Lozanovski, Boutsianis
10	15.12.00	Fri	Newcastle United	D 0-0	-
11	23.12.00	Sat	Sydney United	W 3-0	Vlahos, Coveny, Susa
12	30.12.00	Sat	Sydney Olympic	W 1-0	Coveny
13	06.01.01	Sat	Eastern Pride	D 0-0	-
14	14.01.01	Sun	Auckland Kingz	5:00pm	Bob Jane Stad ³⁻⁰
15	19.01.01	Fri	Northern Spirit	7:30pm	Nth Sydney Oval ²⁻¹
16	28.01.01	Sun	Adelaide City Force	5:00pm	Bob Jane Stad ¹⁻⁰
17	04.02.01	Sun	Perth Glory	5:00pm	Bob Jane Stad
18	11.02.01	Sun	Carlton	TBA	TBA
19	18.02.01	Sun	Marconi Stallions	5:00pm	Bob Jane Stad
20	25.02.01	Sun	Melbourne Knights	6:00pm	Knights Stad
21	04.03.01	Sun	Brisbane Strikers	6:00pm	Suncorp Stad
22	11.03.01	Sun	Parramatta Power	4:00pm	Parramatta Stad
23	18.03.01	Sun	Canberra Cosmos	5:00pm	Bob Jane Stad
24	23.03.01	Fri	Wollongong Wolves	7:30pm	WIN Stad
25	01.04.01	Sun	Newcastle United	5:00pm	Bob Jane Stad
26	08.04.01	Sun	Sydney United	5:00pm	Bob Jane Stad
27	16.04.01	Mon	Sydney Olympic	6:30pm	Belmore Sports Gnd
28	22.04.01	Sun	Eastern Pride	5:00pm	Bob Jane Stad
29	25.04.01	Wed	Auckland Kingz	7:30pm	Ericsson Stad
30	29.04.01	Sun	Northern Spirit	3:00pm	Bob Jane Stad

SOUTH MELBOURNE LINE-UP

1. Michael Petkovic GK
2. Steve Iosifidis
3. Fausto de Amicis
4. Mehmet Durakovic
5. Robert Liparoti
6. David Clarkson
7. Steve Panopoulos
8. Vaughan Coveny
9. Paul Trimboli
10. Con Boutsianis
11. John Anastasiadis
12. Richie Alagich
13. Andy Vlahos
14. Vas Kalogerakos
15. Goran Lozanovski
17. Rade Culibrk
18. Elias Demourtzidis
19. Patrick Kisorbo
20. Chris Jones GK
21. Massimo Muroccia
22. Steve Esposito
23. Michael Theoklitos GK
24. Nick Tolios
25. Simon Colosimo

Coach: Mike Petersen

Assistant Coach: Jeff Oliver



SOUTH MELBOURNE S.C. 2000/2001 PLAYER PROFILES



PAUL TRIMBOLI

Position: Striker
Born: 25/02/69
Height: 173 cm
Weight: 72 kg
Last club: Sunshine GC
Nickname: Trimmers
Shirt number: 9



CHRIS JONES

Position: Goalkeeper
Born: 10/07/75
Height: 188 cm
Weight: 88 kg
Last club: Karingal United
Nickname: Jonesy
Shirt number: 20



RAED CULIBRK

Position: Defender
Born: 19/07/82
Height: 175 cm
Weight: 72 kg
Last club: Springvale
Nickname: Culi
Shirt number: 17



MICHAEL PETKOVIC

Position: Goalkeeper
Born: 18/07/75
Height: 190 cm
Weight: 88 kg
Last Club: Strasbourg (France)
Nickname: Petka
Shirt number: 1



STEVE PANOPOULOS

Position: Midfielder
Born: 23/06/75
Height: 169 cm
Weight: 68 kg
Last club: Oakleigh (VIS)
Nickname: Pana
Shirt number: 7



JOHN ANASTASIADIS

Position: Striker
Born: 13/08/68
Height: 179 cm
Weight: 78 kg
Last club: PAOK (Greece)
Nickname: El
Shirt number: 11



ELIAS DEMOURTZIDIS

Position: Striker
Born: 25/06/81
Height: 182 cm
Weight: 79 kg
Last club: Adelaide Sharks
Nickname: El
Shirt number: 18



VAS KALOGERAKOS

Position: Striker
Born: 21/03/75
Height: 175 cm
Weight: 71 kg
Last club: Perth Glory
Nickname: -
Shirt number: 14



VAUGHAN COVENY

Position: Striker
Born: 13/12/71
Height: 188 cm
Weight: 84 kg
Last club: Wollongong
Nickname: Kiwi
Shirt number: 8



GORAN LOZANOVSKI

Position: Midfielder
Born: 11/01/74
Height: 180 cm
Weight: 88 kg
Last club: Collingwood
Nickname: Loza
Shirt number: 15



MEHMET DURAKOVIC

Position: Defender
Born: 13/10/65
Height: 176 cm
Weight: 74 kg
Last Club: Eastern Pride
Nickname: Ugsie
Shirt number: 4



NICK TOLIOS

Position: Defender
Born: 11/10/81
Height: 184 cm
Weight: 83 kg
Last Club: Ethnikos (Greece)
Nickname: Toli
Shirt number: 24



FAUSTO DE AMICIS

Position: Defender
Born: 26/06/68
Height: 170 cm
Weight: 65 kg
Last club: Melbourne Knights
Nickname: -
Shirt number: 3



ROBERT LIPAROTI

Position: Defender
Born: 02/04/78
Height: 193 cm
Weight: 89 kg
Last club: Bulleen
Nickname: Lipa
Shirt number: 5



PATRICK KISORBO

Position: Defender
Born: 24/03/81
Height: 185 cm
Weight: 75 kg
Last Club: South Melbourne
Nickname: Arab
Shirt number: 19



MICHAEL THEOKLITOS

Position: Goalkeeper
Born: 11/02/81
Height: 188 cm
Weight: 84 kg
Last Club: Bulleen
Nickname: -
Shirt number: 23



STEVE IOSIFIDIS

Position: Defender
Born: 28/12/73
Height: 184 cm
Weight: 75 kg
Last club: Heidelberg UTD
Nickname: Yosa
Shirt number: 2



ANDY VLAHOS

Position: Striker
Born: 20/04/76
Height: 171 cm
Weight: 70 kg
Last club: Panathinaikos (Greece)
Nickname: -
Shirt number: 13



CON BOUTSIANIS

Position: Striker
Born: 27/12/71
Height: 181 cm
Weight: 75 kg
Last Club: Bolton Wanderers (UK)
Nickname: Boutsi
Shirt number: 10



SIMON COLOSIMO

Position: Defender
Born: 08/01/79
Height: 184 cm
Weight: 75 kg
Last Club: Carlton
Nickname: Shima
Shirt number: 25



DAVID CLARKSON

Position: Midfielder
Born: 01/02/68
Height: 176 cm
Weight: 70 kg
Last club: Happy Valley (HK)
Nickname: Clarksy
Shirt number: 6



RICHIE ALAGICH

Position: Midfielder
Born: 30/10/73
Height: 178 cm
Weight: 74 kg
Last club: Adelaide Sharks
Nickname: Gich
Shirt number: 12



ZELJO SUSA

Position: Midfielder
Born: 13/07/78
Height: 186 cm
Weight: 85 kg
Last Club: Melbourne Knights
Nickname: Sus
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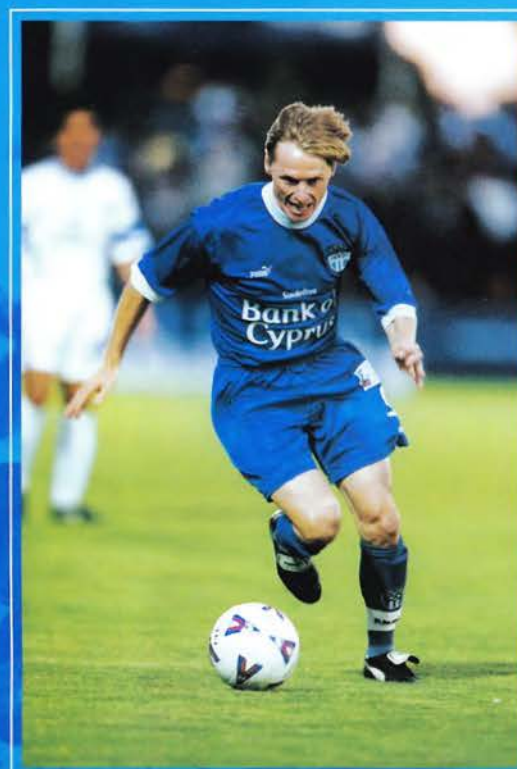
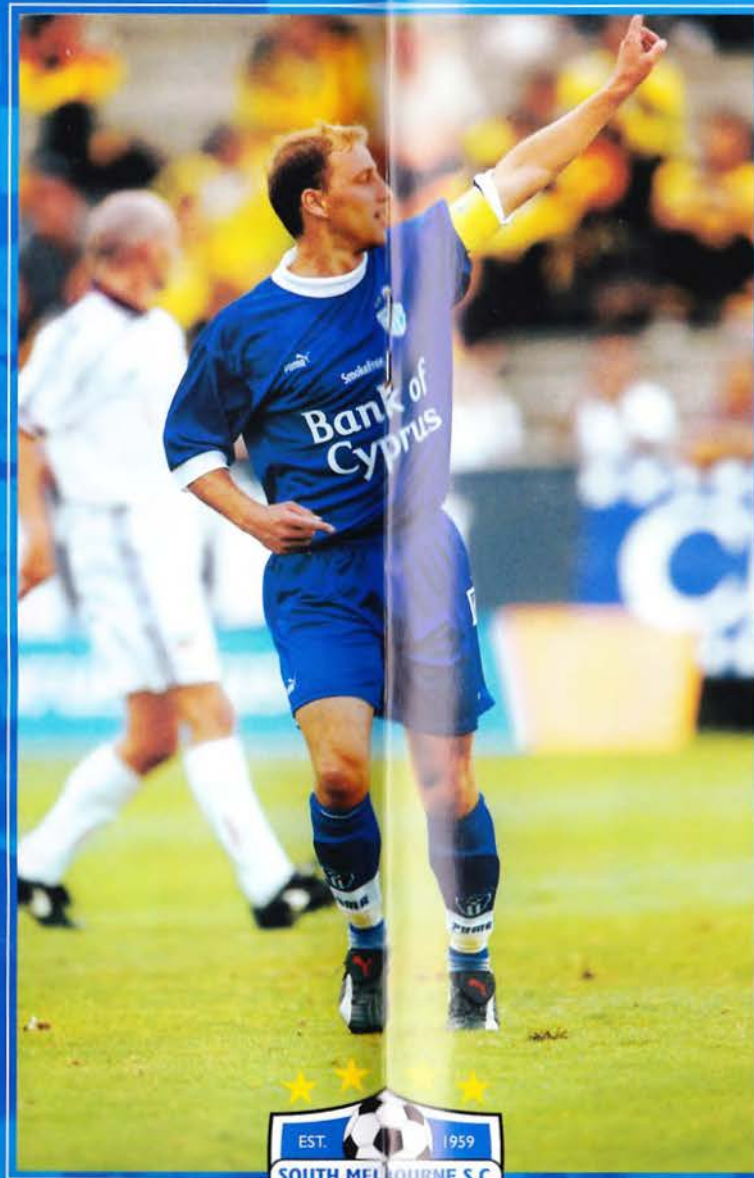
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Position: Defender
Born: 08/01/84
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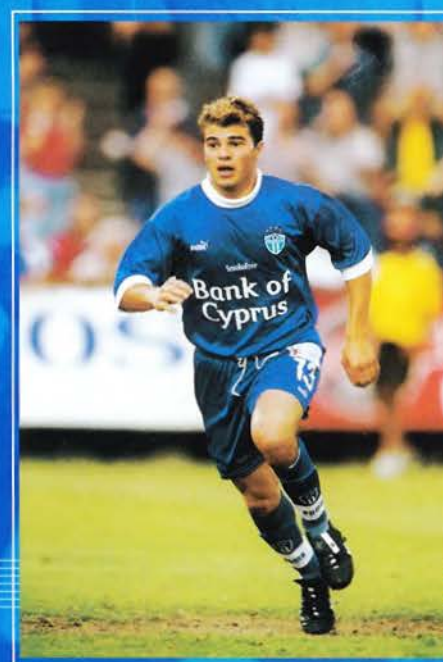
MASSIMO MURDOCCA

Position: Midfielder
Born: 02/09/84
Height: 165 cm
Weight: 60 kg
Last Club: Carlton
Nickname: Mas
Shirt number: 21

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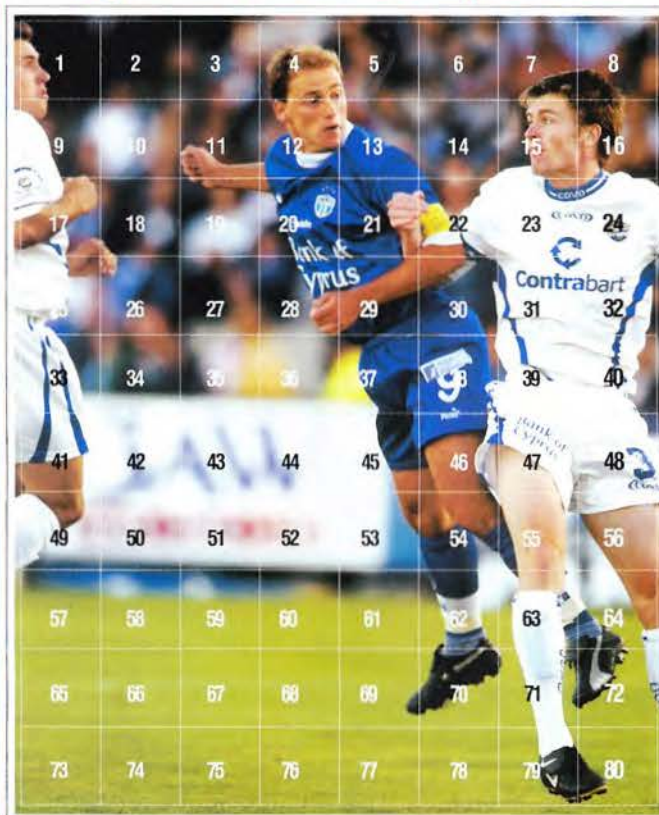
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COMMUNICATION MATTERS

And so we reach the halfway point of the season, the stage at which most teams will sit back and assess how they've done so far. Of course, recent months have seen a lot of flak over the criteria required by the NSL for clubs to enter the competition for 2001/2002.

Whilst others were getting very excited about the nature of the rules and the problems in meeting them, our consultant Dennis Hatcher was quietly going about the process of putting together our submission. Less fuss, more action.

With a total of 19 bids submitted, Soccer Australia has a difficult task ahead in selecting the 12 teams who will start the new season. However, you can be reassured that South's proposal will be amongst the best being assessed.

The other aspect of Dennis's role has been to evaluate the running of the club, with the aim of recommending changes to further our shift to complete professionalism. After decades of operation as a voluntary, largely amateur organisation, it would be foolish to believe that there could be a seamless transition to a full-time set-up.

However, we strongly believe that the recommendations Dennis has put forward will enable us to maintain a strong role in leading the NSL forward, and we hope that members and supporters will be understanding as we complete the process of change.

On the field, progress couldn't be better, with a settled squad playing a standard of soccer that we can truly be proud of, and the lofty position on the ladder is a fair reflection of the calibre of the squad that Mike Petersen has assembled.

As ever, we would like more people to see quite how good South are this season, so have been extremely active in promoting matches, notably the clash with Sydney Olympic at the end of last year. Despite it being the holiday season, press releases were issued daily and matchday entertainment arranged to ensure that the evening was as entertaining as we could make it.

That said, it's a truism that the best advertising is word of mouth from satisfied customers, and soccer's no exception. If we could get a crowd the size of the Olympic gate for every home game, the club would reap the rewards both in terms of income, sponsorship and atmosphere.

In our constant battle to persuade the doubting Thomases out there that the NSL or more specifically, South Melbourne is worthy of their attention, an enthusiastic endorsement from a supporter like yourself will do far more than any advertising or promotion that the club can do.

So, if you've been enjoying what you've seen so far this season, tell others about it and see if you can get them along to a game. It only takes a couple of games for someone to see that the matchday experience at Bob Jane Stadium is something special and they're generally hooked. What better New Year's Resolution could there be for an avid South fan?

I enjoy the game.

Andrew Dye



Mr Dennis Hatcher

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Answers to Trivia Question on Page 12

- 1) Heidelberg, Collingwood, Carlton and South Melbourne
- 2) Sunshine, Preston, Melbourne Knights, Canberra, Marconi, Gippsland, Perth, Carlton
- 3) Con Boutsianis
- 4) Paul Trimball
- 5) Eastern Pride / Gippsland Falcons
- 6) Mark Burton
- 7) John Yzendoom
- 8) Tommy Docherty
- 9) Oakleigh
- 10) Ange Postecoglou & Mike Petersen

Round Eleven Saturday 6 January 2001

Eastern Pride 1 South Melbourne 2 (Steve Mancevski, Dimitri Tsiaras)

In the clash at Mobil Stadium, South Melbourne snatched a last minute winner against Eastern Pride to take the game by two goals to one. Simon Nardone scored for the Pride, but in a close encounter in which both teams created lots of openings, it looked as if Steve Mancevski's fifteenth goal of the season after 38 minutes would ensure that the points were shared. It was not till the last minute of normal time that Dimitri Tsiaras popped up to grab the winner for the Blues, which takes them to within three points of the league leader. Peninsula Blues coach Gus McLeod says South Melbourne is technically the best team in the league, so opponents will have to watch out for a surge up the table by the Blues.

South Melbourne Eagles Academy 4 Preston Lions 1 (Arif El Dib 2, Peter Hancock, Aristidis Dimas)

South Melbourne Eagles had a four-one win over Preston Lions at Keilor Park. All the goals came in the first half, with Arif El Dib scoring the first in twelve minutes, followed by Aristidis Dimas after 23 minutes. El Dib got his second in the 28th and Peter Hancock put the Eagles four up eight minutes later. Robert Dolevski had another excellent game for the young Lions and pulled a goal back in 42 minutes. The standard, which had been high to that point, fell away in the second half and there were no more goals. Dimas had an excellent game in the backline for the Eagles and Mario Kalakias also stood out for the home team.

Round Twelve Monday 15 January 2001

South Melbourne v VIS, (Bob Jane Stadium, 7 pm)

Wednesday 17 January 2001 Bulleen Zebras v South Melbourne Eagles Academy, (Veneto Club, 7 pm)

Leading goalscorers
Steve Mancevski South Melbourne 15
 Nick Waite Peninsula Blues 11
 Denis Mustac Eastern Pride 10
 Viktor Memeti South Dandenong 9
 Daniel Debevc Whittlesea Stallions Academy 8
Arif El Dib South Melbourne Eagles Ac 7
 Brett Cunningham Fawkner Blues 7
 Josip Loncaric Melbourne Knights 7

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastern Pride	10	8	0	2	37	10	24
Melbourne Knights	10	8	0	2	30	12	24
VIS	11	7	1	3	29	16	22
South Melbourne Institute	9	7	0	2	56	16	21
Peninsula Blues	9	6	0	3	28	12	18
South Melbourne Eagles Ac	9	5	0	4	20	18	15
Melbourne Knights Academy	9	5	0	4	13	18	15
South Dandenong	9	4	2	3	15	14	14
Albury Wodonga	11	3	2	6	12	26	11
Green Gully Cavaliers	10	2	3	5	12	19	9
Bulleen Zebras	11	2	2	7	14	29	8
Fawkner Blues	10	1	2	7	12	33	5
Preston Lions	10	0	0	10	7	62	0



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South Melbourne fields two women's teams, one at the elite Premier Division level, and the other in a lower Division. The vacancy exists for the Premier Division team, where players are of State representative standard.

South's team at this level is principally comprised of post-secondary educated adult women.



Women Players Wanted

South Melbourne has a commitment to women's football, as well as being an elite club in the NSL. South Melbourne is active in the women's league, and welcomes interested girls and women to try out for the team in season 2001.

Pre-season training starts shortly.

Interested girls and women are invited to call:
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The women's leagues play on Sundays, and the 2001 season is likely to commence in March. Training is held locally in Albert Park, and takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00pm.

South Melbourne women will commence training in February, but opportunities exist for players to participate in informal gatherings of South Melbourne women playing casual games.

Please call the above numbers with any further queries.



SMSC v Auckland Kingz Sunday, January 14th, 2000 5.00pm

Today we welcome Wynton Rufer and the Football Kingz to Bob Jane Stadium. The approval by FIFA, of Auckland's bid to play in the Australian National Soccer League, has been a timely boost for New Zealand soccer's profile and image. In addition, it has made the Kingz one of only a handful of clubs in the world to compete in another country's championship. The Kingz play at the 25,000-capacity North Harbour Stadium; venue of the 1999 Under-17 World Youth Cup final between Australia and Brazil.

New Zealand's greatest ever footballer, Wynton Rufer, was appropriately appointed the club's first coach. Rufer, voted Oceania's footballer of the century, was one of the first players from our region to play in Europe. Rufer partnered ex-South Melbourne striker Steve Woodin at the 1982 World Cup and played in all three of New Zealand's group games against Scotland, Brazil and the Soviet Union. Unable to obtain a work permit at Norwich City, Rufer moved to Grasshopper of Zurich and subsequently, Werder Bremen in Germany. He helped the club win the German Cup in 1991 and 1994, the Bundesliga in 1993, and European Cup Winners Cup in 1992. Rufer returned home after a short spell in Japan.

The combination of the Kingz inclusion in the NSL and Rufer's appointment as coach has proved a magnet for many Kiwi internationals. Gavin Wilkinson, Ricki Van Steeden, Che Bunce, Ivan Vicelich, Mike Utting, Chris Jackson, Harry Ngata and Fred de Jong were all lured home. Most observers thought the Kingz would struggle on their long-distance away trips to Australia but enjoy great home ground advantage in Auckland. In fact, it was the team's home form and leaky defence that ruined their chances of making the finals in their inaugural season. Ultimately finishing eighth, the Kingz won only nine of their seventeen home games.

The Kingz recruited Dennis Ibrahim from Germany and ex-Estudiantes goalkeeper Julio Jorge Cuello who represented Argentina at Under-17 level. Sean Douglas has also recently joined the club from Carlton. Marcus Stergiopoulos has rejoined Eastern Pride, Stuart Riddle has moved to the United States and both David Moya and John Lammers have been released.

The Kingz most experienced players include ex-Olyroo and Gippsland Falcon Levent Osman, Chilean-born Aaron Silva who was the club's top goalscorer last season and has played for the Chilean Under-23 team, Ivan Vicelich, a New Zealand representative at Under 17, 20, 23 and senior level, Paul Urlovic who joined the club from Central United and was in the team that beat Australia to qualify for the last Confederations Cup, Kiwi international Chris Jackson, defender Che Bunce who won a second division championship and youth championship medals with Werder Bremen, and Harry Ngata who has represented New Zealand at all levels and spent five years in England.

The Kingz form this season has been inconsistent, winning three out of their first six home games and only registering their first away win in round 12 at Canberra Cosmos. The Football Kingz won both meetings with South Melbourne last season. The New Zealanders winning 1-0 at home and 3-1 in Melbourne. The second game was delayed for several hours because a malfunctioning door forced the plane carrying the Kingz to return home. Arriving with little time to spare, the Kingz belied their chaotic preparations by taking an early two goal lead and eventually winning 3-1.

AUCKLAND KINGZ LINE-UP

- 1 Julio Cuello (GK)
- 2 Che Bunce
- 3 Aaron Lines
- 4 Leven Osman
- 5 Jonathon Perry
- 6 Chris Jackson
- 7 Wynton Rufer
- 8 Gerard Davis
- 9 Paul Urlovic
- 10 Andreas Bluhm
- 11 Dennis Ibrahim
- 12 Harry Ngata
- 13 Jeffrey Campbell
- 14 Noah Hickey
- 15 Ivan Vicelich
- 16 Lee Jones
- 17 Leigh Kenyon
- 18 Michael Cartwright
- 20 Chris Marsh (GK)
- 21 Riki Van Steeded
- 22 Aaron Silva
- 23 Simon Eaddy (GK)
- 25 Tim Stevens
- 26 Sean Douglas
- 30 Mark Burton

Coach: Wynton Rufer



NSL TABLE AND RESULTS

NSL TABLE After Round 13

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	G/D
1 South Melbourne	13	7	4	1	1	26	8	28
2 Wollongong Wolves	13	7	3	2	1	27	16	27
3 Perth Glory	13	6	3	3	1	29	13	24
4 Sydney Olympic	13	6	3	3	1	22	13	24
5 Parramatta Power	13	7	1	5	0	20	16	22
6 Adelaide City Force	13	6	1	5	1	23	24	22
7 Marconi Stallions	13	4	5	3	1	17	12	20
8 Northern Spirit	13	4	4	4	1	16	13	19
9 Melbourne Knights	13	4	3	5	1	21	20	18
10 Canberra Cosmos	13	4	2	6	1	23	22	17
11 Sydney United	13	3	4	5	1	18	23	16
12 Kingz FC	13	3	3	6	1	20	22	15
13 Brisbane Strikers	13	3	4	6	0	21	27	13
14 Newcastle United	13	1	6	5	1	12	22	12
15 Eastern Pride	13	1	4	7	1	18	23	10

NSL Leading Goal Scorers

MORI Damian Perth Glory	9
BURGESS Ben Northern Spirit	7
CHIPPERFIELD Scott W. Wolves	7
MILLER Joe Parramatta Power	7
VLAHOS Andrew Sth Melbourne	7
ANGELUCCI Jon Canberra Cosmos	6
DESPOTOVSKI Bobby Perth Glory	6
FOSTER Paul Brisbane Strikers	6
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ROACH Neville Eastern Pride	5
TRIMBOLI Paul Sth Melbourne	5
TUNBRIDGE Scott Adelaide City Force	5
YOUNG Stuart Wollongong Wolves	5

ROUND 13 RESULTS

Wollongong Wolves	v	Kingz FC	1 - 1
Adelaide City Force	v	Parramatta Power	3 - 0
Northern Spirit	v	Canberra Cosmos	0 - 2
Eastern Pride	v	South Melbourne	0 - 0
Marconi Stallions	v	Newcastle United	2 - 2
Perth Glory	v	Brisbane Strikers	7 - 2
Sydney Olympic	v	Sydney United	3 - 1

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NSL MATCHES AND STATISTICS

SOUTH MELBOURNE PLAYER STATISTICS (after Round 13)

Player	No.	Position	D.O.B.	SMSC Games	SMSC Goals	Career Games	Career Goals
Michael Petkovic	1	Goalkeeper	18-Jul-75	118	0	118	0
Steve Iosifidis	2	Defender	28-Dec-73	111	0	127	0
Fausto De Amicis	3	Defender	26-Jun-68	129	1	242	5
Mehmet Durakovic	4	Defender	13-Oct-65	151	5	283	8
Robert Liparoti	5	Defender	02-Apr-78	56	1	56	1
David Clarkson	6	Midfielder	01-Feb-68	114	6	197	16
Steve Panopoulos	7	Midfielder	23-Jun-75	172	23	172	23
Vaughan Coveny	8	Striker	13-Dec-71	160	45	226	64
Paul Trimboli	9	Striker	13-Aug-68	363	102	385	106
Con Boutsianis	10	Midfielder	27-Dec-71	155	49	224	81
John Anastasiadis	11	Striker	13-Aug-68	90	30	112	30
Richie Alagich	12	Midfielder	30-Oct-73	14	0	131	4
Andy Vlahos	13	Striker	20-Apr-76	21	9	121	35
Vas Kalogerakos	14	Striker	21-03-75	10	1	70	23
Goran Lozanovski	15	Midfielder	11-Jan-74	74	14	195	22
Zeljko Susa	16	Midfielder	13-Jul-78	12	2	80	11
Rade Culibrk	17	Defender	19-Jul-82	2	0	2	0
Elias Demourtzidis	18	Striker	25-Jun-81	1	0	8	2
Patrick Kisorbo	19	Defender	24-Mar-81	13	0	13	0
Chris Jones	20	Goalkeeper	10-Jul-75	26	0	26	0
Massimo Muroccca	21	Midfielder	02-Sep-84	2	0	2	0
Steve Esposito	22	Defender	08-Jan-84	0	0	0	0
Michael Theoklitos	23	Goalkeeper	11-Feb-81	0	0	0	0
Nick Toliros	24	Defender	11-Oct-81	0	0	2	0
Simon Colosimo	25	Defender	08-Jan-79	0	0	50	10

ROUND 14 MATCHES

Friday, 12 January

Parramatta Vs Power Perth Glory
Newcastle United Vs Sydney Olympic

Saturday, 13 January

Canberra Cosmos Vs Adelaide City Force
Wollongong Wolves Vs Northern Spirit

Sunday, 14 January

Melbourne Knights Vs Marconi Stallions
South Melbourne Vs Kingz FC
Sydney United Vs Eastern Pride

SMSC Leading Goal Scorers

VLAHOS Andy	7
TRIMBOLI Paul	5
COVENY Vaughan	3
LOZANOVSKI Goran	2
BOUTSIANIS Con	2
SUSA Zeljko	2
ANASTASIADIS John	1
PANOPOULOS Steve	1
KALOGERAKOS Vas	1



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OUR VISITORS - ADELAIDE CITY FORCE

SMSC v Adelaide City Force

Sunday, January 28, 2001 5.00pm

ADELAIDE CITY FORCE LINE-UP

- 1 Adrian Cagalj (GK)
- 2 Gianluca Lagati
- 3 Ian Fyfe
- 4 Ante Kovacevic
- 5 Fabrizio Bucciarelli
- 6 Louis Brain
- 7 Kosta Salapasisdis
- 8 Carl Veart
- 9 Nick Sabljak
- 10 Aurelio Vidmar
- 11 Bradley Hassell
- 12 Scott Turnbridge
- 13 Kristian Rees
- 14 Aaron Golding
- 15 Lucas Pantelis
- 17 Mario Karlovic
- 18 Ivan Karlovic
- 19 Claudio Pelosi
- 20 Daniel Goldey (GK)
- 21 Neil Childs
- 22 Shane Thompson
- 23 Nick Budin
- 24 Nathan Day
- 25 Owen Filewood

Coach: Zoran Matic

Today we welcome Zoran Matic and Adelaide City Force to Bob Jane Stadium. The Force are one of only three clubs alongside South Melbourne and Marconi to have competed in every season of the NSL since its inception in 1977. During their glory days in the 1990's under Matic, the club competed in every grand final between 1992 and 1995, winning titles in 1992 and 1994. Zoran Matic came to Australia in 1973 from Yugoslavia and after a brief playing career, coached Adelaide City to three championships. After short spells at Collingwood Warriors and Marconi, he returned to Adelaide for the 1999/2000 season. Has become only the second coach after Frank Arok to have coached 400 games in the NSL.

Last season, the club maintained its enviable record of making the finals every season from 1989/90. After finishing fourth in the home & away season, the Force was beaten 6-2 on aggregate in the elimination final by Sydney Olympic. However, this season's side will be much changed from that of last season and almost unrecognizable from the one that dominated Australian soccer in the early-1990's. Club captain and former Soccerroo Alex Tobin has joined Parramatta Power (and recently broke former team-mate Sergio Melia's NSL appearance record), the league's highest ever goalscorer Damien Mori has joined Perth Glory while other departures include Ivan Zelic, Angelo Costanzo (Marconi), Carlo Talladira (Adelaide Premier League club Metro Stars), Matthew Kemp, Michael Cartwright (Auckland Kingz), and defender Dong Ki Kim (Eastern Pride). The club's new signings are Ante Kovacevic (Melbourne Knights), Fabrizio Bucciarelli (Palermo), former Joey Aaron Goulding (Elizabeth City), Mario Karlovic (Raiders) and Daniel Godley (Salisbury). Scott Turnbridge and Kristian Rees have been promoted from the club's Premier League squad.

Inevitably after losing so many experienced players, the Force have struggled to find consistency. However, they still possess several talented players including Brad Hassell, Carl Veart, former Soccerroo Aurelio Vidmar, former Carlton goalkeeper Adrian Cagalj, Nick Sabljak, Nathan Day and two of the league's most promising youngsters in Lucas Pantelis and Louis Brain who represented Australia at the Under-17 World Cup in 1999, helping the Joeys reach the final. With the high profile departures of Mori and Tobin much responsibility has fallen on the shoulders of Aurelio Vidmar. The thirty-three year-old Vidmar joined Adelaide City as a seventeen year-old. After seven successful years at Hindmarsh, (alongside Brother Tony) Aurelio moved to Belgium playing for Kortrijk, Waregem and Standard Liege. It was in Liege that he enjoyed his greatest success, winning the league's top scorer prize. Subsequently played for Feyenoord, Sion and Tenerife before returning home to Adelaide. Made his international debut in 1991 against Czechoslovakia.

After losing their first three games (against South Melbourne, Sydney United and Sydney Olympic) the Force broke their duck with a 4-3 win over Eastern Pride. Subsequent wins over the Kingz and Spirit seemed to have got their season back on track but the Force won only one of their following five games, a run that included a 6-2 defeat in Brisbane.

The clubs met on the opening round of the season, with South Melbourne winning 3-1 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Andy Vlahos scored twice (and was sent-off for over-celebrating) and Vas Kalogeracos once for South Melbourne. Both of last season's encounters finished in 1-1 draws. This is the 56th meeting between the two clubs. South Melbourne has won 23, Adelaide City 20 while twelve have been drawn. To further emphasize the traditional tightness of the contests, the goal aggregate stands at 68-68.



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